TARGET HAS LEFT THE LAB BUILDING AND IS ON THE MOVE!
AS LONG AS THEY'RE AT THE HEART OF THE DEFENSE FORCE, THEY'RE TRAPPED! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!
WHERE ARE THEY HEADED?!
THEY MUST KNOW THEY CAN'T GET THROUGH WITH SUCH A SMALL NUMBER!
SO WE NEED TO GUESS WHERE THEY'RE HEADED!

THE DISCHARGE GATE...?!

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EVERYONE ALRIGHT?
YA SOMEWHAT..

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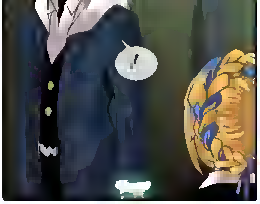
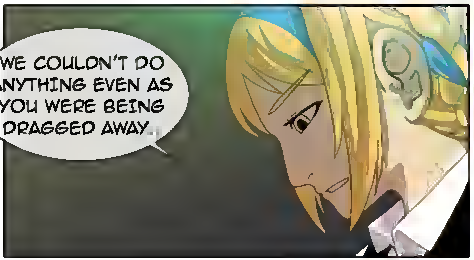
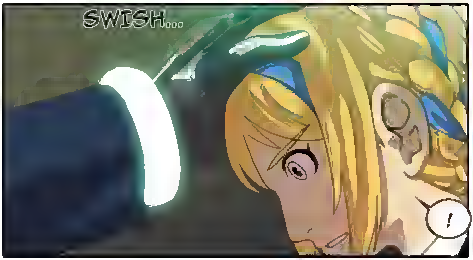
COLODI, I'M GLAD YOU'RE OK

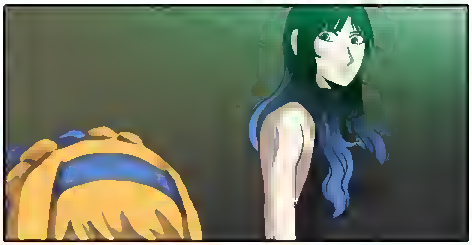






NO. YOU WERE RIGHT TO STEP BACK DURING

THAT TIME.
AND ANYWAY THE REASON WE'RE REUNITED IS BECAUSE OF YOUR HARD WORK.
THANK YOU, ROSAURA.
SURE



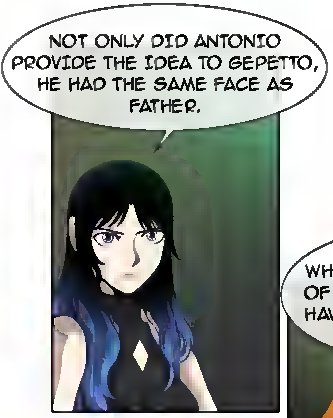
COLODI. WHAT HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE TAKEN?
YOU DIDN'T GIVE AWAY ANY CLUES ABOUT THE LEGACY, DID YOU?

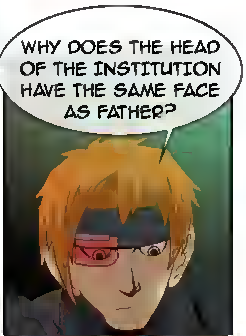
... I CAN'T SAY THAT DEAL WASN'T OFFERED TO ME, BUT WE DIDN'T ACCEPT.

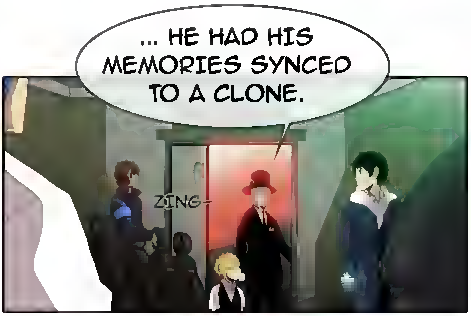
PINOCCHIO HAVE YOU HEARD OF A PERSON NAMED ANTONIO?
... ANTONIO?
I'VE NEVER HEARD THE NAME.
WHO IS IT?

YOU DO KNOW THAT THE DEFENSE FORCE, FLORENCE 7 AND THE COUNCIL ARE ALL PAWNS OF THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTION.
Lampione
AND THE ONE WITH THE POWER AT THE INSTITUTION, IS ANTONIO.
ACCORDING TO HIM, HE PROVIDED A CRUCIAL HINT WHEN GEPETTO WAS DEVELOPING NEXT GENERATION ARTIFICIAL BRAINS.
A CRUCIAL HINT?
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED BASED ON MY ARTIFICAL BRAIN, BUT I WAS LITERALLY THE FIRST MODEL.
THEY SAID MY

BRAIN WAS MADE BY SYNCING A REAL PERSON'S BRAIN.






... HE HAD HIS MEMORIES SYNCED TO A CLONE.
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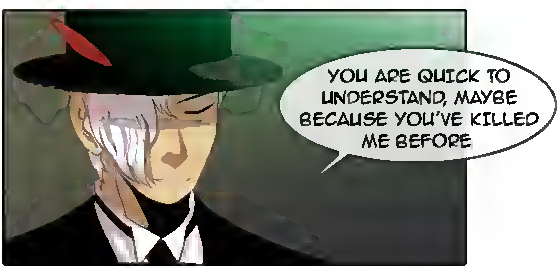
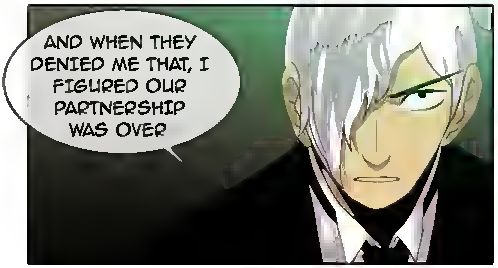
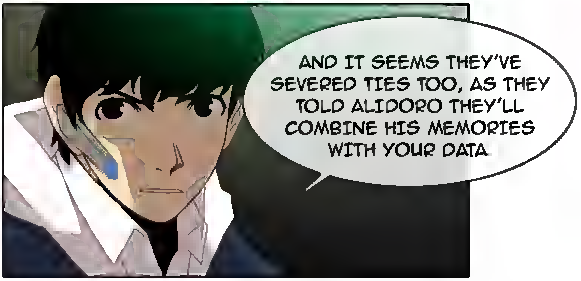
AND THE CLONE WAS ONE OF GEPETTO'S MULTIPLE COPIES
HE SYNCED HIMSELF OVER AND OVER TO LIVE PAST A HUDRED YEARS.
SIMILAR TO HOW YOU KEEP LIVING WHEN YOU AFTER YOU DIE


YOU ARE QUICK TO UNDERSTAND, MAYBE BECAUSE YOU'VE KILLED ME BEFORE

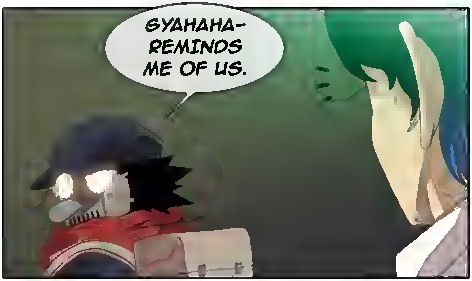
THAT MEANS SINCE YOU CAN'T BE SYNCED ANYMORE, IF YOU DIE, THAT'S THE END

SO BE IT. AND EVEN IF THEY HAD OFFERED TO SYNC ME, IT'S NOT THAT FAVORABLE, EITHER
SINCE THE PHYSICAL CLONES I WILL HAVE BEEN SYNCED TO ARE AT THE LABS...
THEY'LL DEFINITELY MESS AROUND WITH MY MEMORIES.
MAYBE IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BIG DEAL CONSIDERING MEMORIES ARE FORGOTTEN ALL THE TIME, BUT...
FOR ME THEY WERE WHAT CONFIRMED A SENSE OF SELF.


AND WHEN THEY DENIED ME THAT, I FIGURED OUR PARTNERSHIP WAS OVER


AND IT SEEMS THEY'VE SEVERED TIES TOO, AS THEY TOLD ALIDORO THEY'LL COMBINE HIS MEMORIES WITH YOUR DATA

YA. IT'S THE REASON ALIDORO WANTS ME KILLED--BECAUSE HE AGREED TO THEIR SUGGESTION
SLUMP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REMINDS
ME OF US.

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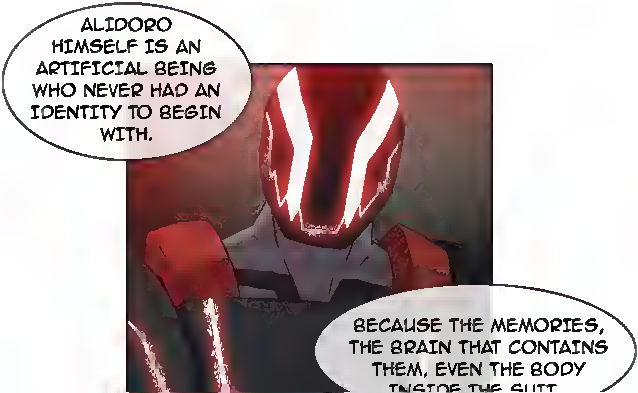
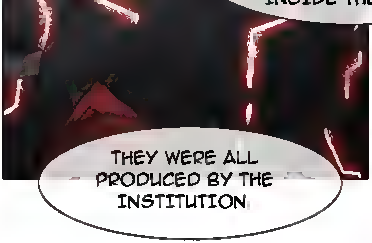
COMBINE
MEMORIES?...

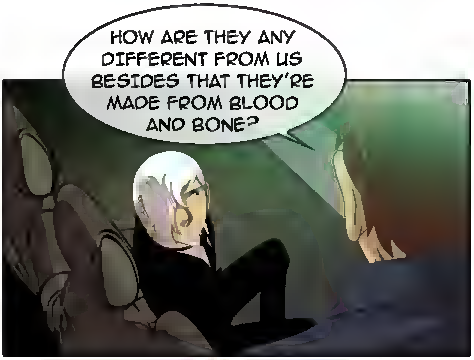
THEN WHO IS THE RESULTANT PERSON?

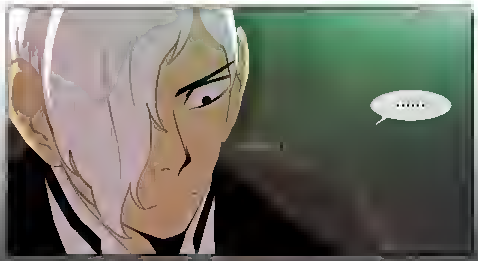
THAT, EVEN I CAN'T IMAGINE.


ALIDORO HIMSELF IS AN ARTIFICIAL BEING WHO NEVER HAD AN IDENTITY TO BEGIN WITH.
BECAUSE THE MEMORIES, THE BRAIN THAT CONTAINS THEM, EVEN THE BODY


THEY WERE ALL PRODUCED BY THE INSTITUTION

DO HUMANS NEVER LEARN?
THEY WERE NEARLY WIPED OUT BY ANDROIDS, BUT THEY'RE ATTEMPTING IT AGAIN?


HOW ARE THEY ANY DIFFERENT FROM US BESIDES THAT THEY'RE MADE FROM BLOOD AND BONE?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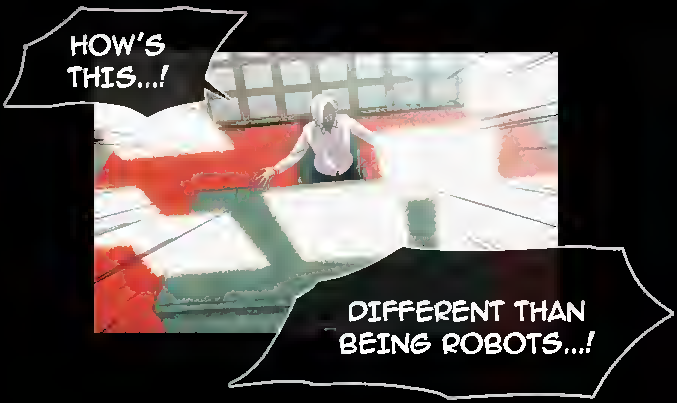
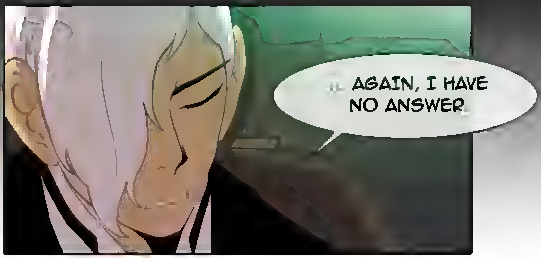

HOW'S THIS...!
DIFFERENT THAN BEING ROBOTS...!

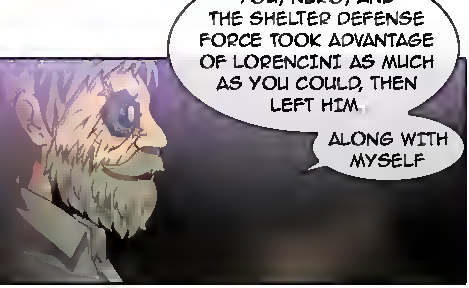

AGAIN, I HAVE NO ANSWER.

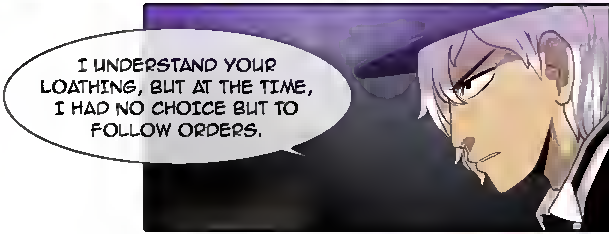
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE GATE.
EVERYONE, GET READY TO DISEMBARK!

STORYTELLING TIME LATER.
FIRST, WE GET OUT OF HERE

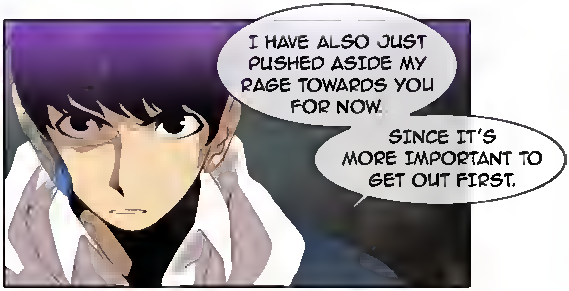
BO
OM

NO ONE STATIONED HERE TO GUARD THE PLACE?
NEGLECTED, MORE LIKE
10 YEARS AGO WHEN LORENCINI USED IT, IT WAS BASICALLY ABANDONED, TOO
LORENCINI GOT EVERYTHING PREPARED IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, BASED ON HIS ONE DESIRE TO SAVE COLODI
HE-
YOU, NERO, AND

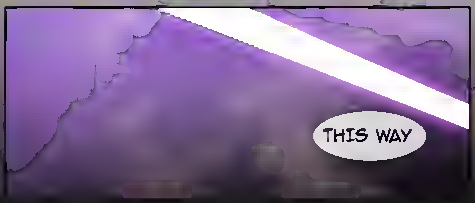

THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF LORENCINI AS MUCH AS YOU COULD, THEN LEFT HIM.
ALONG WITH MYSELF


I UNDERSTAND YOUR LOATHING, BUT AT THE TIME, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW ORDERS.

STOP IT, NERO.
ALIDORO WILL GIVE CHASE SOON.


I HAVE ALSO JUST PUSHED ASIDE MY RAGE TOWARDS YOU FOR NOW.
SINCE IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO GET OUT FIRST.

... A WISE MAN.


THIS WAY

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